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UNCTAD WHEAT (CLEARED BY HALL)

GENEVA, MARCH 3 -- THE UNITED STATES HAS SAID THAT IT
WILL MORE THAN DOUBLE ITS MINIMUM PLEDGE TO WORLD FOOD AID
IN WHEAT AND OTHER FOOD GRAINS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE
THAT OTHER NATIONS JOIN IT IN MEETING A TEN-MILLION-TON
TARGET FOR ANNUAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE MARCH 3 BY THOMAS R. SAYLOR, HEAD
OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE CURRENT WHEAT CONFERENCE
STAGED HERE UNDER AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE
FOR TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCTAD).

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"THE UNITED STATES PLEDGES 4.47 MILLION METRIC TONS OF
GRAINS AS ITS MINIMUM ANNUAL COMMITMENT TO THE FOOD AID
CONVENTION," MR. SAYLOR SAID.

"THIS QUANTITY REPRESENTS A U.S. SHARE OF THE 10-MILLION-
TON TARGET WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO OUR 44.7-PER-CENT SHARE
OF THE CURRENT CONVENTION."

THE PRESENT FOOD AID CONVENTION, DUE TO LAPSE THIS YEAR, REQUIRES PROVISION OF 4.25 MILLION TONS OF FOOD AID ANNUALLY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

"THE U.S. COMMITMENT WILL THUS INCREASE FROM 1.89 TO 4.47 MILLION METRIC TONS," MR. SAYLOR NOTED. "IF ALL CURRENT DDNORS INCREASE THEIR PLEDGES ACCORDINGLY, THE 10-MILLION-TON GOAL WILL BE ACHIEVED."

MR. SAYLOR ALSO PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "SPECIAL PROVISION FOR EMERGENCY NEEDS" UNDER THE FOOD AID CONVENTION. THIS WOULD PROVIDE FOR A SPECIAL INCREASE IN FOOD ASSISTANCE BY MEMBER COUNTRIES WHENEVER NEEDS FOR FOOD AID INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY DUE TO FOOD GRAIN PRODUCTION SHORTFALLS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE U.S. WOULD LIKE TO SET THIS INCREASE AT 20 PER CENT OF A COUNTRY'S MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE CONVENTION.

THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE COUPLED THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS COUNTRY'S INCREASED CONTRIBUTION WITH A CALL FOR MORE COUNTRIES TO JOIN THE RANKS OF THE DONORS SINCE "THE DISTRIBUTION OF ECONOMIC WEALTH IN THE WORLD HAS SHIFTED DRAMATICALLY SINCE 1971."

IN ADDITION A NEW FOOD AID CONFERENCE, THE UNCTAD SEEKS TO NEGOTIATE A WHEAT AGREEMENT TO STABILIZE THE WORLD
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MARKET AND TO SECURE WORLD FOOD SUPPLIES THROUGH A SYSTEM OF RESERVE STOCKS AND OTHER MEASURES.

WITH WHEAT SELLING TODAY AT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS A TON, THIS MEANS THAT PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE ARE TALKING ABOUT SUMS RUNNING INTO BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, AND, NATURALLY ENOUGH, OBSERVERS SAID, NEGOTIATIONS ARE APT TO BE DETAILED.

JEAN PAROTTE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL, TOLD CORRESPONDENTS MARCH 3 THAT HE IS "REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC" AS TO THE OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

BUT, HE SAID, IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO COMPLETE THE WHOLE INTERLOCKING PACKAGE BY THE SCHEDULED END OF THE CONFERENCE, MARCH 23. HAFREY UNQUOTE VANCE

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